

Declaration For U.S. Patent Application

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled (Insert Title) DISTILLATION APPARATUS AND DISTILLATION METHOD

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International Application having a filing date before that of the application(s) for which priority is claimed:

(List prior foreign applications. See note A on back of this page)	(see the attached <u>list</u>)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Prior foreign applications for which priorities are claimed:

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1.	10-123116	Japan	6/May/1998
2.	10-123117	Japan	6/May/1998
3.	10-123118	Japan	6/May/1998
4.	10-123119	Japan	6/May/1998
5.	10-123120	Japan	6/May/1998
6.	10-123121	Japan	6/May/1998
7.	11-2160	Japan	7/January/1999

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